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REMARKS

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1. On 8 November 1950, the four light AA guns were still emplaced at the Elbe River bridge at Magdeburg. They were covered with canvas. *

2. On the same day all barracks installations in Magdeburg were again occupied by troops. All barracks windows were lighted at night.

3. The reconditioned barracks installation on Jerichowerstrasse, which consists of five three-story buildings and several annex buildings, was reoccupied by about 800 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. 25X1

4. Gate guards at the Mak Kaserne on Zippkeleberweg were artillerymen.

5. Sentries in front of the barracks installation on Herrenkrugstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. 25X1

6. The sentries at the northern side of the barracks installation on Broitscheidstrasse wore artillery insignia and those at the southern side wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. 25X1

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7. Signalmen stood guard in front of the barracks installation on Turnschanzenstrasse.

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8. Gate guards at the Encke Kaserne on Boimestrasse wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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* [redacted] Comment. Compare with information on an AA gun emplacement south of the Magdeburg Elbe River bridge which was supplied by the

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** [redacted] Comment. Probably the barracks installation situated in the triangle formed by Herrenkrugstrasse, Jerichowerstrasse and the Strassenbahndepot (streetcar depot), which was damaged during the war. In mid-September [redacted] reported reconstruction in the installation.

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[redacted] the unit observed there on 8 November 1950 was definitely an element of the 19th Gds Mecz Div.

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The information thus confirms the previous assumption that the 17th Gds Mecz Div, upon completion of the summer exercises at Letzling Heath, remained in the Magdeburg area rather than returning to its former billeting area in Zossen-Wuensdorf. [redacted]

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*** [redacted] Comment. [redacted] it is concluded that: elements of the 3rd Gds AAA Div are stationed in the Flak Kaserne, Crakau; possibly components of both the 19th Gds Mecz Div and the unidentified Gun Arty Brig, possibly the 44th, in the barracks installation on Herrenkrugstrasse; headquarters units of the Third Shock Army in the barracks installation on Breitscheidstrasse; a signal unit in the barracks installation on Turnschanzenstrasse; and the Hq Third Shock Army and army headquarters units in the Encke Kaserne.

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